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Chadds Ford Township
Delware County, PA

Board of Supervisors' Workshop
Monday, October 1, 2012
5:30PM

Officials Present:

George M. Thorpe, Chairman
Deborah F. Love, Vice Chairman
Keith C. Klaver, Supervisor
Joe Barakat, Manager
Hugh A. Donaghue, Solicitor
Joseph A. Mastronardo, Engineer
Valerie Hoxter, Tax Collector
Mike Ashmore, HARB Member, Planning Commission Member
Debbie Reardon, Open Space Chair
Matt DiFilippo, Asst. Sec. – Treas.

Call to Order

The Workshop was called to order at 5:40PM by Chairman Thorpe.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion and second (Klaver/ Thorpe) the BOS unanimously approved the July 30th Workshop minutes.

Upon motion and second (Klaver/ Love) the BOS unanimously approved the August 29th Workshop minutes.

HARB

HARB and Planning Commission Member Mike Ashmore talked about the new HARB Ordinance and the intent to streamline the process. He reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the new HARB ordinance for approval by the Supervisors. The new HARB ordinance will be on the Agenda for Wednesday night's meeting.

SA & Sewer Planning

Supervisor Klaver reported that he met with DELCORA and the Township of Concord regarding long-term sewer planning. Engineer Mastronardo was asked to develop a feasibility plan, and recommended that it be done in conjunction with the 537 Plan for cost-effectiveness. Qualifying for the 50% reimbursement fee offered by the DEP was also discussed.

Harvey Run Project

Open Space Chair Debbie Reardon reported status of the Harvey Run Trail Project. She gave an estimated tree removal cost; said that she has not heard back from the DEP regarding permission to build a bridge over Harvey Run; and discussed actual Fee in Lieu funds with a request for more fund for autumn olive and invasive plant removal. Chairman Thorpe added that PECO has paid Chadds Ford Township \$7,500 for bamboo removal and that this money could possibly be used to help fund Harvey Trail Expenses.

Upon motion and second (Klaver/ Love) the BOS unanimously approved the Open Sapce committee's proposal to complete the clearing of Township property of invasive plants specifically autumn olive with the commitment of a contract and an invoice.

Break for Executive Session

Tree Removal Policy

The tree removal policy was discussed during the executive session. It was concluded that there is a need for an ordiance, and a need to define what is hazardous. Solicitor Donaghue was asked to draft a memo concerning a possible ordinance. What actions PECO and PENNDOT take regarding tree removal was also discussed.

Comcast

Manager Barakat reported that the 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast expires this year. A \$5,000 grant, 5 year contract, and courtesy Internet at Ridings were some of the contract terms discussed by Solicitor Donaghue. The contract will be presented at Wednesday's meeting.

Calendar

The 2013 calendar of meetings and events for Chadds Ford Township was discussed.

Agenda Review

The following items were discussed and are on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting: the Brandywine Greenway Resolution, the Comcast Contract, the Act 32 Resolution and a drug and alcohol resolution.

LST & BPT Collection

The LST and BPT tax collection contract with Berkheimer was discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt DiFilippo, Asst. Sec. – Treas.